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SUBJECT: LAO RESISTANCE FORCES

1. A LAO WITH FRIENDS IN THE LAO RESISTANCE TOLD EMB-OFF THAT INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN THE LPDR IS BEING ORGANIZED FROM THAILAND BY FORMER FAR GENERALS INCLUDING BRIGADIER GENERAL SOUTCHAY, FORMER COMMANDER OF MILITARY REGION IV IN SOUTHERN LAOS; MAJOR GENERAL THONGLITH, FORMER COMMANDER OF MR V AROUND VIENTIANE; AND LT. GENERAL KOUPRASITH, FORMER FAR DEPUTY COMMANDER.

2. HE SAID THAT KOUPRASITH AND COLONEL KHAMPHAN, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIAISON WITH RTA OFFICERS WHO ASSIST IN COORDINATION OF TRAINING, INFILTRATION INTO LPDR, AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR LAO REFUGEES, WHO COSTITUTE THE BULK OF THE INSURGENT FORCES.

3. SOURCE SAID THAT INSURGENTS FEEL CONFIDENT THAT
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THEY ARE MORE THAN A MATCH FOR THE LPLA BUT FEAR THE PAVN. THEIR STRATEGY IS REPORTEDLY TO GATHER INTELLIGENCE AND DEVELOP THEIR FORCES IN THE LPDR UNTIL JUST BEFORE THE ONSET OF THE RAINY SEASON WHEN THEY WILL LAUNCH ATTACKS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY TO "LIBERATE" SOME AREAS, BLOCK MAJOR ROADS AND DESTROY GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS AND SUPPLIES. THE INSURGENTS

REPORTEDLY HOPE THAT PAVN COUNTER BLOWS WILL BE HAMPERED BY ITS LACK OF MOBILITY BECAUSE OF SEASONAL RAINS AND FLOODING.

4. SOURCE SAID THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 3,000 ANTI-GOVERNMENT INSURGENTS IN WHAT USED TO BE BORIKHANE PROVINCE AND APPROXIMATELY 5,000 IN FORMER VIENTIANE PROVINCE. HE ADDED THAT HEADQUARTERS FOR INSURGENT MILITARY REGION V IS LOCATED NEAR PAKSANE. HE ESTIMATED THAT THERE ARE ABOUT FIFTY ANTI-GOVERNMENT AGENTS IN VIENTIANE WHO HAVE CONTACTS WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND IN EDL, THE STATE-RUN ELECTIRC COMPANY. HE SAID THAT THESE AGENTS COLLECT INTELLIGENCE AND OBTAIN SUPPLIES IN VIENTIANE FOR INSURGENT FORCES. HE ADDED THAT THEY BUY SOME ITEMS IN LARGE QUANTITIES WITH THE INTENTION OF CREATING SHORT-AGES IN THE VIENTIANE AMRKETS AND THEREBY INCREASING POPULAR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

5. INSURGENTS REPORTEDLY EQUIPPED WITH M-16'S, M-72 LAWS AND 60 MM MORTARS, MOST OF WHICH ARE SUPPLIED BY THE ROYAL THAI ARMY.

6. COMMENT: THE REPORTED INSURGENT STRATEGY OF WIDEA SPREAD ATTACKS, AND POSSIBLE THEIR STRENGTH FIGURES, MAY BE ONLY WISHFUL THINKING.
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